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For

PLANTS WHICH SYNTHESIZE A MODIFIED STARCH,

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MODIFIED STARCH

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the issuance of the first Office Action in the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.